

NOTES ON EDUCATION.

Professor James Bryce is now giving his course of lectures on Roman Jurisprudence at Johns Hopkins.

Pennmanship is taught in the Philadelphia schools after a fashion which obliges the pupils to commit to memory and to recite rules on "up strokes," "down strokes" etc. These rules they are also obliged to write out in their examination papers. *The Philadelphia Telegraph*, in complaining of this needless waste of time and energy, makes some comments in which there is more or less good sense. The manner of holding the pen it declares is "a very secondary matter. Let good 'economy' be insisted upon to a great extent as practicable and common-sense, considering the ages and experience of the children under instruction, and the best and most agreeable method of holding the writing instrument will be discovered by each child for itself. This is the beginning and middle and end of good pennmanship instruction, and it is, moreover, a system which any intelligent teacher who is at all fit for his or her position can follow without the slightest difficulty. It is of course a system which professional writing-masters and the makers of pennmanship text-books do not approve, for if they are approved of it, and it were to be approved of by the people who are responsible for the good conduct of the schools, their occupation would be gone. Considering, however, that the schools do not exist for the benefit and profit of this or that set of teachers or alleged teachers, or for the benefit and profit of makers of text-books, their opinions in the matter should not be permitted for a moment to stand in the way."

That these schools do not exist for the benefit of book-makers is a statement which will hardly be considered reasonable by those gentlemen. A correspondent of *The Cleveland Herald* complains that school-books cost more to the consumer and less to the maker than they did in 1869. This cost is at present a matter of widespread dissatisfaction and the rapid multiplication of them is equally contended.

It is pleasant to record that the spirit of reform has entered the Philadelphia schools and that the youngest of the pupils will no longer be compelled to memorize and recite matter impossible for them to understand.

The salaries of teachers in the public schools of Switzerland are absurdly small. American teachers may be consulted for what they consider inadequate pay when they learn that the average wage of the Swiss teachers is about \$280 a year.

In some of the primitive caudilloes teachers are provided with fuel and lodgings, and that from May to September, when the children are watching the cattle on the Alp, they earn a little money in other ways; but even with all these helps many teachers are wretchedly poor; they live in miserable hovels, eat the coarsest food, and if they have families can hardly keep body and soul together. In these circumstances it is no wonder that the pedagogue profession is becoming unpopular in Switzerland, and unless something is speedily done to improve the position of the teachers there will soon be none to teach. Of all the professions in the Confederation teaching is the worst paid, and none are well paid. The noted thrift of the Swiss here leans over the verge of meanness.

There is a wise movement in Oakland, Cal., toward the establishment of a school of industrial arts, a gift of \$15,000 having been made for that purpose.

A school for Indian children is to be opened in Philadelphia.

This year Michigan University has received by appropriation of the Legislature the sum of \$37,200; next year it will receive \$27,200.

The *St. Louis Republic*, complaining of the introduction of ornamental and useless banquets in the public schools, says: "There are more, happier, apparent signs of a reaction on this vital question. There is reason to hope that education at the public expense will at no distant day be limited to the branches which are necessary to intelligent citizenship and which may be mastered by every boy and girl who may enter the schools."

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